



# *Reduce!* *Recycle!* *Reuse!*

To protect our environment, minimize the flow of refuse into the solid waste stream, and preserve our natural resources, New Jersey law and the Code of the Town of Westfield mandates that certain reusable materials be recycled. To assist residents meet the requirements of the law, the Town of Westfield contracts with Giordano Company, Inc. to provide biweekly curbside pick up of the most common recyclable household materials.

## **~RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CURBSIDE PICKUP~**

With advances in recycling technology and processes and the advent of "single stream" recycling, residents need only separate their materials into two groups: paper products and commingled materials which include recyclable glass, plastic, and metal containers.



### **Paper Products**

Paper products must be clean and free of food remnants, grease, or other contaminants, and placed in a reusable container or securely tied with twine. Acceptable materials include the following:

Newspapers  
Magazines  
Glossy catalogs  
Envelopes

Telephone books  
Chipboard, cereal and gift boxes  
Paperback and hardcover books  
Cardboard

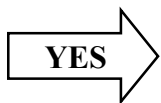
Office paper  
Construction paper  
Computer paper  
"Junk" mail

Shredded paper is recyclable and may be placed curbside with your other recyclables provided that it is placed in a clear plastic bag.



### **Comingled Glass, Plastic, and Metal Containers**

Recyclable bottles, jars, cans and cartons must be empty and well rinsed with their lids or caps removed. The following materials can be comingled in the same reusable receptacle or clear \*\* plastic bags:



Tin cans  
Aluminum cans

Polyboard and Aseptic carton  
Glass bottles and jars

Spray or aerosol cans  
Plastic containers \*\*\*

\*\* Materials placed in regular trash bags, shopping bags, or any other bags other than clear plastic bags will not be collected by the recycling company.

\*\*\* Acceptable plastic materials will have a "PET", "PETE", or "HDPE" mark or any of the numbers 1 through 7 within an imprinted triangle on the bottom of the container. If the material does not, it is not recyclable.

The following is not recyclable:



Mirrors  
Dishes  
Pyrex

Window glass  
Plastic bubble packaging  
Container that held hazardous material

Styrofoam  
Crystal  
Plastic wrap

If in doubt about what you may or may not place curbside for recycling, contact the Giordano Company, Inc. at 1-800-216-2250.

The Ward that you live in (see “maps” under “Planning & Zoning” at [www.westfieldnj.gov](http://www.westfieldnj.gov)) determines which day of the week your recycling will be picked up. The chart below lists the dates that recycling will be picked up in each Ward:

MONTH	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4
	(Mondays)	(Tuesdays)	(Wednesdays)	(Thursdays)
January	4, 18	5, 19	6, 20	7, 21
February	1, 15, 29	2, 16	3, 17	4, 18
March	14, 28	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30	3, 17, 31
April	11, 25	12, 26	13, 27	14, 28
May	9, 23	10, 24	11, 25	12, 26
June	6, 20	7, 21	8, 22	9, 23
July	8*, 18	5, 19	6, 20	7, 21
August	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30	3, 17, 31	4, 18
September	12, 26	13, 27	14, 28	1, 15, 29
October	10, 24	11, 25	12, 26	13, 27
November	7, 21	8, 22	9, 23	10, 25**
December	5, 19	6, 20	7, 21	8, 22

\* Monday, July 4, is a holiday. The pickup for Ward 1 will be on Friday, July 8.

\*\* Thursday, November 24, is a holiday. The pickup for Ward 4 will be on Friday, November 25.

Remember:

- ✓ Recycling must be at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your recycling dates. To avoid a missed pick-up, residents are urged to place their recycling at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the pickup date.
- ✓ Weather and equipment breakdowns may affect your pickup date. If your recycling was not picked up as per the schedule, call the contractor, Giordano Company, at 1-800-216-2250 within 24 hours of your collection day.
- ✓ If you live in an apartment or condominium, please contact your Building Superintendent or Property Manager to find out where to place your recycling materials.

## ~OTHER RECYCLING OPTIONS~

Residents, businesses, and non-profit, educational, and religious institutions may bring their recyclables to the Conservation Center during its regular hours of operation. No permit is necessary.

In addition to accepting paper products and glass, plastic, and metal containers, the Conservation Center accepts electronic waste and scrap metal.

The County of Union holds “Household Special Waste” collection days periodically during the year to collect materials such as batteries (rechargeable and button only), fluorescent bulbs, oil based paints, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, gasoline, tires, and motor oil for safe and proper disposal. Go to the County of Union recycling page on its website (<http://ucnj.org/recycling/>) for the schedule and locations of special collection days.

## ~BULKY WASTE~

Residents who need to discard of bulky waste that is not eligible to be recycled via the Town’s or the County’s facilities may consider one of the following options:

- Participate in the Town’s annual springtime fee-based clean-up program. (Program details available in the spring.)
- Contact your private trash collector or a full-service junk removal company.
- Donate furniture or appliances in very good, clean, usable condition to an organization that assists those in need, such as Furniture Assist ([www.furnitureassist.com](http://www.furnitureassist.com)), Goodwill Industries ([www.goodwillnynj.org/donate-goods](http://www.goodwillnynj.org/donate-goods)), and the Salvation Army ([www.saltruck.org](http://www.saltruck.org)).